

# Public Utilities Commission

## Agenda

Thursday, July 11, 2013

9:30 AM start time

Utilities represented: Energy Facilities, Electricity, Natural Gas

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### DELIBERATION ITEMS

*No Items*

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### DECISION ITEMS

#### **1 IP6646/CN-13-193                      Stoneray Power Partners, LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Stoneray Power Partners, LLC for a Certificate of Need for a 105 MW Wind Project in Pipestone and Murray Counties, Minnesota

Should the Commission find the application complete? Should the Commission direct the use of the informal process? (PUC: **DeBleeckere**)

#### **2 IP6646/WS-13-216                      Stoneray Power Partners, LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Stoneray Power Partners, LLC for a LWECS Site Permit for a 105 MW Wind Project in Pipestone and Murray Counties, Minnesota

Should the Commission find the application complete? (PUC: **DeBleeckere**)

#### **\*3 E999/CI-13-486                      All Electric Utilities and Transmission Companies**

In the Matter of the Integration and Transmission Study for Future Renewable Energy Standard Required by Minnesota Laws 2013, Chapter 85, Article 12, Section 4.

What requirements should the Commission include in its order directing all electric utilities and transmission companies covered by Minn. Stat. § 216B.1691 (Renewable Energy Objectives) to participate in the integration and transmission study for future renewable energy standards? (PUC: **Ek**)

#### **4 E002/M-13-438                      Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy Request for a Variance to the Billing Error Rules. (PUC: Rebholz; DOC: La Plante) **NOTE:** Staff agrees with the recommendation of the Department of Commerce.

**\*5 PL6580/M-13-266****Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC**

Request by Greater Minnesota Transmission, LLC for approval of Firm Transportation Agreements between GMT and Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, d/b/a Xcel Energy. (PUC: Harding; DOC: St. Pierre)

**\*6 E,G999/CI-09-970****All Electric and Gas Rate Regulated Utilities**

In the Matter of Updating Language to Comply with Minnesota Statute and Rule Changes - Municipal Franchise Fees.

Whether a 60 day advance notice is needed if a franchise fee is repealed, eliminated, decreased or lowered? (PUC: **Bahn, Rebholz**)

**\*\*7 E,G002/M-12-383;  
E,G002/CI-02-2034****Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy**

In the Matter of the Petition of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of Amendments to its Natural Gas and Electric Service Quality Tariffs Originally Established in Docket No. E,G-02-2034;

In the Matter of an Investigation and Audit of Northern States Power Company's Service Quality Reporting.

Whether the Commission should approve Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy's ("Xcel") Petition for approval of its proposed amendments to its Quality of Service Plan ("QSP1") tariff in its Natural Gas and Electric Rate Books? (PUC: **Bahn, Gonzalez**)

**\*\*8 E999/AA-11-792****All Commission-Regulated Electric Utilities**

In the Matter of the Review of the 2010-2011 Annual Automatic Adjustment Reports for All Electric Utilities.

1. Should the Commission accept the electric utilities' 2010-2011 annual automatic adjustment reports?
2. Should the Commission accept the uncontested comments, conclusions and recommendations in the Minnesota Department of Commerce's
  - June 1, 2012 Report,
  - July 11, 2012 Supplemental Comments,
  - September 26, 2012 Response to Reply Comments, and
  - December 12, 2012 Response to Additional Reply Comments?
3. Should the Commission require Xcel Electric to refund \$76,134 of avoidable wind curtailment?
4. Should the Commission require Xcel Electric, Minnesota Power, and Interstate Electric to make refunds for excess purchased power costs incurred during unplanned forced outages at company-owned and operated generating plants? (PUC: Harding)

**\* One star indicates agenda item is unusual but is not disputed.**

**\*\* Two stars indicate a disputed item or significant legal or procedural issue to be resolved.  
(Ex Parte Rules apply)**